



FACULTY NEWSLETTER



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SOUTHERN UNION SEEKS NURSING INSTRUCTORS



Southern Union State Junior College has announced vacancies on its faculty for nursing instructors. Applicants must have a master's degree in nursing and at least three years clinical experience.

The base campus for those who are employed to fill these vacancies will be Southern Union's Valley Campus in Valley, Alabama.

The application deadline is June 1, 1992. The starting date for employment is September 15, 1992.

For further information, contact Rick Rogers, Shelton State Personnel Director, ext. 2472.

- Rick Rogers has asked us to
- remind you that announcements
- of faculty openings received
- in the Shelton State Personnel
- Office are posted on bulletin
- boards on both the Skyland
- Campus and the Fifteenth
- Street Campus.

MALLORY ON TAPE

Allen Mallory, Shelton State instructor of psychology and child development, has published a video tape of his popular "Laugh and Learn" workshop.

The video tape is of his presentation of the workshop "Live at the Improv."

His audio tape was a hoot. The video promises to be even better.



We congratulate Allen--the White Bill Cosby--on the continued success of his showbiz/educational workshop activities.

MORE SUCCESS FOR CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM

Janie M. Moore, a member of the Shelton State Adult Studies and Creative Writing Programs, has just published an article in the Spring 1992 issue of Alabama Heritage. The article, "Praying for the President," describes a collision between church and state during Alabama's Reconstruction era when white Episcopalians refused to pray for the president of the United States.

GRIMES TO LEAD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

On May 1, 1992, Debbie Grimes, Shelton State Director of Library Services, was inducted as F i r s t V i c e President/President Elect of the Alabama Library Association. She will a s s u m e t h e responsibilities of president of the Association at its annual convention next spring. Her duties this year will focus on the Executive Council, the Planning Committee, and the Budget and Finance Committee



The Alabama Library Association includes approximately 700 members from public, school, academic, and special libraries throughout the



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state. In addition to professional librarians, membership in the Association includes para professionals, members of boards of trustees of public libraries, and vendors and distributors of library and media materials.

NEW FOLLOW-UP DATA
FROM AUBURN

The information provided in the last Faculty Newsletter on Shelton State (SSCC) transfers to Auburn University (AU) was from a report which AU officials had sent about this time last year. That report dealt with SSCC transfers to AU through the fall of 1990.

Recently, we received a similar report for this year, one which dealt with SSCC transfers to AU through the fall of 1991. What follows is an analysis of the information contained in this latest report from Auburn. Unlike the SSCC/AU information in the last issue of the Newsletter, this data "hot off the press".

Between the fall of 1990 and the fall of 1991, the number of SSCC students enrolled at AU increased by twenty-five per cent (25%), from sixty-five (65) to eighty-one (81).



The number of graduates increased from nineteen to twenty-two (16%). The number who have discontinued enrollment increased by only one (4%), from twenty-eight to twenty-nine. The number of SSCC students currently enrolled at AU increased by sixty-seven per cent (67%), from eighteen to thirty.

In regard to the SSCC students who have graduated from AU, the data

from both 1990 and 1991 contain one bit of information that is a potential cause for concern.

In both years, those SSCC students who have graduated from AU have taken about sixteen (16) quarters to do so (combining the time spent at SSCC and at AU). This is four (4) quarters longer than it would take a student to graduate "on time." Likewise, those SSCC students who have graduated from AU have earned more hours than the minimum necessary for graduation. On a quarter system, a student should be able to graduate with one hundred and ninety-two (192) hours. The SSCC students who graduated from AU as of 1991 on average earned over two hundred and twenty-four (224) hours. Furthermore, the average number of hours SSCC students earned on the way to graduation was greater than the number of hours (144) earned by the total number of junior college graduates from Auburn.

There are number of possible explanations for the extended length of time that SSCC transfers at AU take to earn their degrees. We can not know from these figures alone whether there is anything that Shelton State should be doing differently to reduce the span between matriculation and graduation. It is an area, however, that quite clearly calls for investigation.

In terms of grade point average for all SSCC transfers to AU, the picture is mixed. SSCC transfers earned a higher first quarter mean GPA than all the total group of all junior college transfers. The first quarter GPA of SSCC transfers was 2.28 while that of all junior college transfers was 2.13. On the other hand, the mean GPA of SSCC transfers was 2.40 while that of all junior college transfers was 2.47.



Auburn University Transfers (cont.):

Once again, the GPA picture for SSCC transfers to AU reveals some transfer shock. The mean GPA of SSCC students upon leaving Shelton State was 2.82 while, as we have seen, the GPA earned by those students during their first term at AU was 2.28.

The gap between "leaving" GPA and "entering" GPA, however, was less for SSCC students than for the total group of junior college transfers.

The GPA pictures for SSCC students who have graduated from AU is much the same. Their entering GPA (2.44) was higher than the entering GPA for all junior college transfers (2.34). Nonetheless, the SSCC mean GPA (2.59) at Auburn was a bit lower than the mean GPA (2.63) for junior college transfers as a whole.

The SSCC transfers who have discontinued enrollment at AU an entering GPA of 1.93 and an overall mean GPA of 1.86. Ironically, this group of SSCC students outperformed the total group of junior college transfers in the same category. The total group of "discontinued" junior college transfers to AU had an entering GPA of 1.57 and had earned an overall mean GPA of 1.65.

By far, the best performance of SSCC students who have transferred to AU is presented by those who are currently enrolled. The mean GPA earned by this group of students upon leaving Shelton State was 2.9, a bit lower than the mean GPA of 2.99 posted by all junior colleges transfers who are currently enrolled at AU. Even though SSCC students had a lower GPA at the time of transfer, they earned a higher GPA (2.59) during their first quarter of attendance at AU than did the total group of currently enrolled junior college transfers (2.37). And the

mean GPA of SSCC transfers currently enrolled at AU (2.54) is higher than the mean GPA (2.48) of all junior college transfers currently enrolled at the loveliest village on the plains.

In comparing the performance of SSCC transfers to AU this year with that of the transfers last year, in all the GPA categories save two, the performance of the class of 1991 is better than the class of 1990. Only in mean GPA of graduates and in first quarter GPA of those currently enrolled was the mean GPA recorded in 1990 higher than that recorded in 1991. The differences, both up and down, in all categories are slight.

The graduation rate for SSCC transfers compared to that for all junior college transfers remains low. A bright spot, however, is the decline in the proportion of discontinued students in the mix of SSCC transfers to Auburn. In 1990, the discontinued category was the largest group of SSCC transfers to AU. In 1991, the largest group of SSCC transfers to AU was those currently enrolled.

The conclusions to be drawn from this 1991 data are not too different from those drawn from the 1990 data. There is much in the information to indicate that Shelton State is preparing students effectively to transfer to Auburn University. Indeed, the evidence to that end is more convincing this year than last.

There is, however, still room for improvement. Transfer shock can be reduced further and graduation rates can be increased. As well, we must learn more about why it takes Shelton State transfers to Auburn longer than "normal" to earn a degree from that institution and take steps to shorten that journey if appropriate and possible. We



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must do all that we can to improve our efforts so that those goals can be achieved.

SPEECH & FINE ARTS CHAIR
SELECTED TO BE
PTK HONORS SEMINAR LEADER



Linda Grote, Chair of the Shelton State Department of Speech and Fine Arts, has been selected as one of seventeen Seminar Leaders at the 1992 Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute.

The Honors Institute will be held June 21-28, 1992, at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Prior to the Honors Institute, Ms. Grote also will participate in a four-day faculty development conference funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The purpose of the NEH conference is to assist the Honor Institute Seminar Leaders to prepare for their activities at the Honors Institute and to assist them in planning their implementation of the PTK Honors Study Topic on their own college campuses. The PTK Honors Study Topic is "1492-1992: The Dynamics of Discovery."

Ms. Grote serves as a faculty advisor to the Shelton State Community College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

TURNER RECOGNIZED
AS OUTSTANDING READING TEACHER

Fran Turner, Instructor of Reading at Shelton State, recently was given the Outstanding Reading Teacher award by the Tuscaloosa Reading



Council. This is the first time that this honor has been given. It will now be given on an annual basis.

The Reading Council also presented Celebrate Literacy awards and Project PLUS, represented by Sharon Mumbleau and Phyllis Stanley, was the recipient of one of those honors.

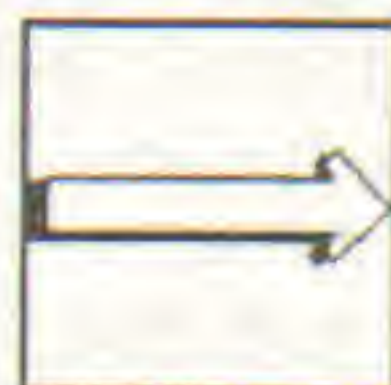
Congratulations to all of the Shelton family who are being recognized for their fine efforts on behalf of literacy training in the West Alabama area.

WELLNESS DIRECTOR
PRESENTS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

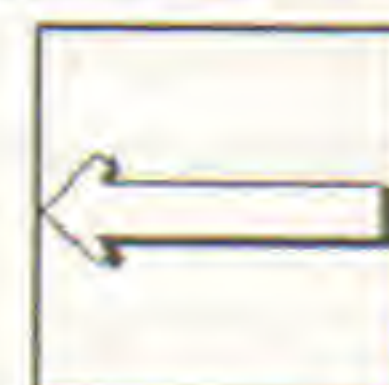


Milady Murphy, Director of the Shelton State Wellness Center, made a presentation at the National Wellness conference, April 8-12, in Tempe, Arizona.

Apparently, her paper, "Program Design and Implementation of a Wellness Program," was well received because Murphy was named to the National Planning Committee on Wellness in Community Colleges.



HONORS NIGHT
Friday,
May 22, 1991
7:30 p.m.
Skyland
Auditorium



SHELTON STATE
GRADUATION
Wednesday
May 27, 1992
7:00 p.m.
Bama Theatre



Phi Theta Kappa Address
"The Paradox of Freedom"



Dr. Jeff Norrell
Thursday, May 21st, 7:30 p.m.
Skyland Auditorium